

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Daniel P. Landguth has served Black Hills Corporation's shareholders, customers, and employees faithfully for 35 years, most recently as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and,

Whereas, Under Dan's leadership, the company has grown from a small electric utility into a regional energy provider with customers in 14 western states; and,

Whereas, Dan and his wife, Barbara, intend to retire in South Dakota and spend time with their four children and nine grandchildren; and,

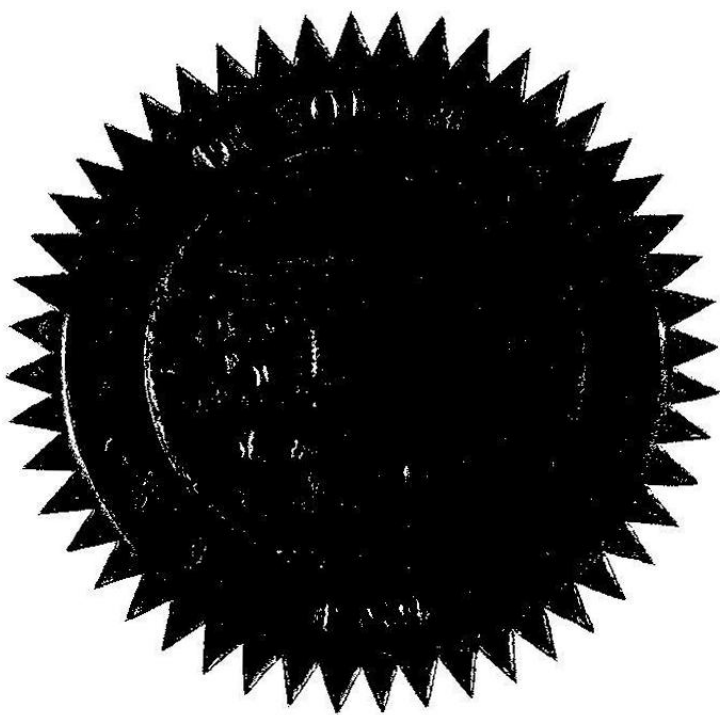
Whereas, Dan intends to continue working for the betterment of the Black Hills and South Dakota through his volunteer commitments; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2005, as

DANIEL P. LANDGUTH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join Dan's family, friends, and co-workers in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Michael Rounds", written over a horizontal line.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Nelson", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State